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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT

1. New Book: Imperial Agent: The Goleniewski-Romanov Case by Guy Richards

1. This memorandum is for information only to invite your attention to a forthcoming book Imperial Agent: The Goleniewski-Romanov Case by Guy Richards (New York: The Devin-Adair Company, 1966). Guy Richards was formerly city editor of the New York Journal-American and is now on the editorial staff of the merged World-Journal Tribune.

2. Richards is the journalist who first publicized the Goleniewski case in a series of articles in the New York Journal-American commencing in March 1964. These articles contained many charges (repeated and expanded in the book) which Goleniewski is alleged to have made regarding Communist penetrations in the various agencies of the U. S. Government, including CIA, and were concurrent with the efforts of Congressman Feighan and certain of his staff to interview Goleniewski in connection with the private bill then pending.

3. The opening chapter of Imperial Agent is Guy Richard's account of his efforts to dig out the Goleniewski story against the combined efforts of the U. S. Government in general and the CIA in particular. Much of this first chapter is an expanded rewrite of his Journal-American articles with Richards in the role of hero. However, what has been added in this first chapter are several vicious attacks on CIA.

4. Richards states that publication of his series on Goleniewski was "the last of a series of staggering blows" which had shaken the Agency "from its outermost antenna to its innermost brain cells." (p. 32). In Richards' view, these blows were, first the Esquire article by John Lindsay; second, Haynes Johnson's book, The Bay of Pigs ("advance copies had been sent to CIA officials"); and, Wise and Ross' The Invisible Government ("Still further removed from its publication date, copies of this were similarly made available to the worried executives over in Langley, Virginia.")

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Finally, in Richards' view, his articles on the Goleniewski case capped the climax, and "the brass at CIA felt that their very survival was being put in jeopardy" by these accumulated publications. Therefore, CIA determined to counterattack and selected Representative Leslie C. Arends to lead the attack a few hours before the Congressional Easter recess, which would permit no time for rebuttal on the floor. After paying a short tribute to Congressman Arends, Richards then makes the following charge:

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"From the standpoint of conscience, furthermore, he had another advantage. Since the CIA told the watchdogs very little, if anything, about the details of its secret machinations they remained blissfully ignorant of the extent of its blunders. The watchdogs have another little obligation to the CIA. The latter has always been extremely gracious about finding a job somewhere in its world-wide matrix for anyone forcefully recommended to it by any lawmaker who hasn't incurred its wrath. Thus the friendlier lawmakers have been equally gracious about answering distress calls flashed from the big command post at Langley." (p. 34).

5. Richards notes with pleasure that, while the newspapers carried Congressman Arends' speech, the wire services also carried much of the Lindsey-Feighan rebuttal. "Another one of CIA's little schemes had gone slightly awry." (p. 37).

6. In Imperial Agent, Richards tries to drive a wedge between CIA and the FBI and charges that the Bureau "had served only as a patsy for the CIA ~~in the case~~" by parceling out the CIA cover story. He continues:

"This hazy form of split jurisdiction is another thing wrong with the way we handle espionage. The tightly-organized, well-administered FBI shares in the CIA's crash landings, but not in its takeoffs. The fantastically many-chambered CIA, with its hordes of foreign-born operatives, its diffuse command structure, its devious assortment of business fronts and individual impersonations, not only polices itself and conducts its own critiques. It is a closed society. It lets Congress and other agencies know only what it wants them to know. Thus the FBI has

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often been required to apologize for, defend, or pass on the fairy tales of the CIA. In doing so, some of the stain has rubbed off." (p. 268).

7. In several passages, Richards charges CIA with being infiltrated by Communist agents, as well as making other derogatory charges. A selection of these comments is attached as Tab A.

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8. In Imperial Agent, Richards names several CIA officials.

25X1A9a Among them, [REDACTED] are believed
25X1A9a not to have been publicly identified with CIA previously. Of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], however, Richards notes "... whatever their real names are ...".
A list of CIA personnel mentioned in Imperial Agent is attached as Tab B.

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Attachments
Tabs A and B.

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